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- 17. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim [12] 13
  wherein the at least one electrode comprises a plurality of bands of energy transmitting material wrapped about the axis of the guide element.
- 19. (Twice Amended) A system according to claim [12] 13
  wherein the at least one electrode comprises metallic material attached to the guide element.
- 20. (Three Times Amended) A system according to claim [12] 13

  wherein the at least one electrode comprises a coating of energy transmitting material on the guide element.

(Amended) A system for ablating tissue within a body, comprising:

a guide element,

at least first, second and third contiguous electrodes carried by the guide

element arranged such that the second electrode is located between the first and third electrodes, [and]

a control device operable in a first mode to simultaneously electronically couple the first, second and third electrodes to a source of tissue ablation energy such that the first, second and third electrodes simultaneously transmit ablation energy, and an indifferent electrode adapted to be located on a patient.

wherein the first, second and third electrodes simultaneously transmit energy to the indifferent electrode.